GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:149
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SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS UNDER FOOD FOR WORK SCHEME
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of additional foodgrains demanded by State Governments under `Food for Work` scheme;

(b) whether the Government has initiated any action for immediate supply of such foodgrains; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Food for Work Programme is no longer in operation. It was discontinued w.e.f. 1.4.2002 and a special Component under the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana has been launched since then, to mitigate the effects of natural calamities in the Country. A total quantity of 46.70 lakh tonnes of foodgrains was demanded by State Governments under `Food for Work` scheme during August, 2003 to June, 2004.

(b): Yes, Sir. A total quantity of 26.76 lakh tonnes of foodgrains have been allocated to the States on the basis of recommendations of Inter-Ministerial Group.

(c): Not applicable.